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SUBJECT: WARNKE-EARLE/SEMENOV PRIVATE MEETING,  
JULY 17, 1978 (SALT TWO-1810)

AT PRIVATE MEETING JULY 17, SEMENOV, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, RAISED SUBJECT OF "BUILDING NEW SILO LAUNCHERS '.. FOR MOBILE ICBMS". HE SAID THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO CONSTRUCTION OF MANY HUNDREDS OR EVEN THOUSANDS OF NEW SILO LAUNCHERS, AND WOULD BE "TANTAMOUNT TO BURYING THE AGREEMENT ALTOGETHER". IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING THAT NOT A SINGLE ADDITIONAL ICBM LAUNCHER WAS TO BE BUILT. THEORETICALLY, SUCH NEW LAUNCHERS WOULD COUNT AUTOMATICALLY AS MIRV LAUNCHERS UNDER MIRV COUNTING RULES. PRACTICALLY, SOVIET UNION "RESOLUTELY REJECTS SUCH A WAY OF PROCEEDING" WHICH WOULD BE "CONTRARY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE AGREEMENT". SEMENOV ADDED THAT HE HAD MADE HIS STATEMENT "SO AS TO ENSURE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES REGARDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY". EARLE

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